Appl. No. 10/718,016 Pre Amd dated November 10, 2004 Replying to Notice Dated August 10, 2004

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed August 10, 2004. A replacement Abstract in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72.(b) and 37 CFR 1.121 is enclosed herewith. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

FEE AUTHORIZATION and REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION

A Petition for a 1-month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith. If any additional time extensions are required, such time extensions are hereby requested. If any additional fees not submitted with this response are required, please take such fees from Applied Biosystems Deposit Account No. 01-2213 (Order No. 4992).

Respectfully submitted,

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